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SUBJECT: MAVCOMUNIT TWO AND KAGNEW TENURE

1. DURING ANNIVERSARY PARADE MORNING OF SEPT 13, AMB HAD OPPORTUNITY TO TELL MOFA PROTOCOL CHIEF BRIEFLY ABOUT ABDUCTION OF NAVCOMUNIT TWO, JUST DISCOVERED THIS MORNING. AT END OF PARADE HE TOLD AMB HE HAD BEEN ABLE TO PASS WORD TO FONMIN KIFLE.

2. OTHER EPMG OFFICIALS WERE PRESUMABLY AT PARADE (WHICH LASTED OVER FIVE HOURS) AND UNREACHABLE THROUGHOUT DAY. NEXT OPPORTUNITY CAME DURING OFFICIAL RECEPTION SAME EVENING. AMB TOLD PMAC CHAIRMAN TEFERI, WHO EXPRESSED CONCERN (HE HAD NOT KNOWN OF INCIDENT) AND SAID HE WOULD IMMEDIATELY PHONE COMMANDING GENERAL GETACHEW IN ASMARA. AT SAME RECEPTION AMB ALSO INFORMED CHAIRMAN'S POLITICAL ADVISER LIJ MIKEAL IMRU, AND EMPHASIZED THAT USG POSITION WOULD BE THAT IT IS RESPONSIBILITY OF EPMG TO EFFECT SAFE RELEASE. AMB ALSO MADE STATEMENT CONCERNING EPMG RESPONSIBILITY TO MOFA PERMSEC GETACHEW KIBRET (FONMIN KIFLE WAS NOT PRESENT AT RECEPTION).

3. OTHER CONTACTS WITH EPMG THIS SUBJECT ARE AMB'S STATEMENT TO MOFA PERMSEC ON DEPT'S INSTRUCTIONS (ADDIS 11006 AND ADDIS 11002) AND TELEPHONE CALLS BY POL COUNSELOR TO AMERICAN AFFAIRS OFFICER IN MOFA TO BRIEF HIM ON EVENTS. IN

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NONE OF THESE CONTACTS HAS SUBJECT OF US VIEWS OF KAGNEW TENURE,

OR EPMG STATEMENTS ON KAGNEW TENURE, COME UP. EPMG IS OBVIOUSLY
WAITING FOR USG TO REACT TO UNILATERAL EPMG STATEMENTS. WE WILL
REFRAIN FROM ANY STATEMENTS TO EPMG ON SUBJECT OF TENURE, AND
ARE AWAITING DEPT'S INSTRUCTIONS.
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